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SUBJECT: PRAVDA REPORTS DETAILS OF ABORTIVE PLOT IN IRAQ

BEIRUT POUCH TO USINT BAGHDAD

1. PRAVDA JULY 11 GIVES DETAILS OF ABORTIVE IRAQI COUP WHICH
DEPICT MOVE AS PURELY INTERNAL POWER PLAY WITH NO FOREIGN
INVOLVMENT. PRAVDA'S ACCOUNT (BASED ON TASS SUMMARY OF
IRAQI PRESS REPORTS) AVOIDS USUAL SOVIET PROPAGANDA PLOY OF
BLAMING OUTSIDE FORCES FOR PLOTS AND INSTEAD FOCUSES BLAME
ON IRAQI SECURITY CHIEF HADDAM KAZZAR WHO IS ACCUSED OF
PLANNING MOVE FOR SIX MONTHS. PLAN REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT BAKR AT BAGHDAD AIRPORT ALONG WITH
SADDAM HUSSEIN, AND SIMULTANEOUS ARREST OF DEFENSE AND INTERIOR

MINISTERS. ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, KAZZAR WAS MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO
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REMOVE A NUMBER OF BAATH PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM POWER,

AND TO BEGIN MILITARY ACTION AGAINST KURDS.

2. SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS ARE NO DOUBT UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT REPORTING
EVENTS OF THIS NATURE IN IRAQ SINCE SUCH INTRIGUES FURTHER TARNISH
ALREADY LOW OPINION SOVIET PUBLIC HAS OF INTERNAL IRAQI POLITICS.
PRAVDA CONCLUDES REPORT ON POSITIVE NOTE, HOWEVER, BY POINTING
TO EXPRESSIONS OF CONTINUED IRAQI PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR BAATH
GOVERNMENT, AND IRAQI DECISION TO
HOLD BAATH PARTY ELECTIONS IN FOUR MONTHS.
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